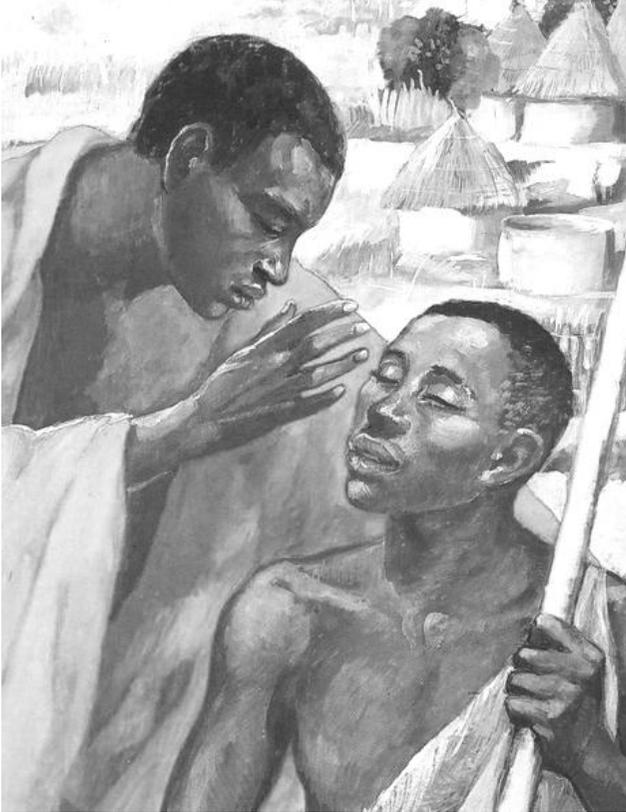


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Fourth Sunday of Lent

15 March 2026

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Anne Craven, David Briggs, Judith Jackson, Sharon Whitfield, Karen Andrew, Martin Tasker, Terry George, Mary Broomhead, Sonia Prince, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Reece Wilson, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you. **Catholic Chaplain urgent call:** NGH: 0114 2434343, Hallamshire Hospital: 0114 2711900. Ask for the Catholic priest on duty (day or night).*

Easter Flowers: There will be a **retiring collection** on the weekend, **28 & 29 March**, to help decorate our beautiful church for Easter.

Thursday, 19 March, the **Solemnity of St Joseph** and our patronal feast day. Mass at 10.00am with St Joseph's School.

The **next meeting** of St Joseph's UCM will be **this Friday**, 20 March, after 10.00am Mass.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

As notified when registered, formal preparation to receive this Sacrament will take place at St Joseph's on Saturday mornings from 9.15 to 10.00am on the following dates: **21 & 28 March** and 9 & 16 May (incl. rehearsal). Bishop Heskett will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, on the Feast of Pentecost, at St Joseph's on Saturday, 23 May, at 5.00pm. Please remember the candidates in your prayers.

A Lenten day of Recollection: *Everything is connected – how do we care for our common home?* At St Vincent's Church, Crookes, Sheffield, on **Saturday 21 March**, 11:00am - 3:00pm. Tea/ coffee from 10:30am. Speakers: Bishop John Arnold, Bishop of Salford, spokesperson for the Bishops Conference on the Environment, and President of Pax Christi. Dr. Maria Exall, Honorary Fellow at the Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice in the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

Financial matters: Offertory envelopes for the new tax year, commencing in April, are available to collect in the church. To save on costs, especially bank charges please consider making a regular contribution to the parish via standing order. In order that the value of your offering does not decline, I respectfully ask that you also please consider an increase in your regular giving to keep pace with inflation. Finally, if anyone pays UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax and has not completed a Gift Aid declaration, but would like to know more about the scheme, then you can e-mail or speak to Tony Brodrick or Fr M. Thank you for your continuing support.

A prayer for our Mothers

Our Father, we give thanks for the gift of mothers, blending strength and love in our lives. Bless and guide all our mothers, granting them wisdom and grace as they nurture their families in faith. May they find joy in their role and be strengthened in every challenge they face. Amen.

HOLY WEEK

- **Confessions:** on the **Monday and Tuesday, 30 & 31 March**, at **3.15pm to 4.15pm** there will be two sessions of after-school Confessions. **N.B.** The final public Confessions before Easter will be on **Tuesday evening, 31 March at 6.00 to 7.00pm** (or until finished if later).

- On **Wednesday, 1 April**, at 11.00am Bishop Heskett will celebrate the **Mass of Chrism** at the cathedral.

- On **Wednesday, 1 April**, **St Joseph's School** will perform their **Passion Play** in the church at 2.00pm. All are welcome.

- **Good Friday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence**; everyone aged 14 years and older should abstain from consuming meat, while everyone aged from 18 to 59 should fast, unless exempt (usually for a medical reason). Regardless of age everyone is encouraged to observe the spirit of the day and to assume some form of penance.

- On **Good Friday** there will be a **retiring collection** to support the **upkeep of The Holy Places** in the Holy Land.

- **Altar Servers:** There will be practices for each of the Triduum services, on Holy Thursday at 6.45pm, Good Friday at 2.15pm and Holy Saturday at 6.45pm. Thank you for all that you do.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, 2 April

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm

Good Friday, 3 April

The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross 7.00pm

Holy Saturday, 4 April

The Easter Vigil 7.30pm

Easter Sunday, 5 April

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord, 8.45am & at 10.00am

A prayer to St Joseph

O Saint Joseph, faithful guardian of the Holy Family, protector of the Child Jesus and the Virgin Mary, look kindly upon us who turn to you with trust. Teach us to live in humility, to work with honesty, and to place our confidence in God's providence. Obtain for us the grace to remain faithful in trials, patient in difficulties, and generous in love. As you cared for Jesus and Mary in Nazareth, watch over our families and protect our homes. Lead us closer to Christ each day, so that we may walk in faith and follow the will of God with courage. Saint Joseph, guardian and guide, pray for us.

THE SACRED LITURGY	
Sunday 15 March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Laetare Sunday</i>	8.45am For the people 10.00am Barbara & Joseph Ware followed by Stations of the Cross
Monday 16 March <i>Lenten weekday</i>	7.15am Michael, Rita Connelly & Martin
Tuesday 17 March <i>St Patrick</i>	10.00am Kevin Hegarty
Wednesday 18 March <i>Lenten weekday</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 19 March <i>The Solemnity of St Joseph</i>	10.00am <i>with St Joseph's School</i> Shelly David Kettle
Friday 20 March <i>Lenten weekday</i>	8.50 – 9.50am Exposition 10.00am Arthur Higton
Saturday 21 March <i>Lenten weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of the Sunday</i>	10.00 – 11.00am Exposition, Benediction & Confessions 4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 4.15pm Stations of the Cross 5.00pm Clare Klein
Sunday 22 March <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Passiontide</i>	8.45am Patrick & Brendan Lynch 10.00am For the people followed by Stations of the Cross

Please pray for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Last week's collection was £690.82 (£320.88 in offertory envelopes and £369.94 in loose). Thank you.

The Piety Stall has a selection of suitable items for Lent and, looking ahead, also cards, etc., in anticipation of Easter.